RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED EXAMINING GROUP 1797

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. 10220-0001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re Application of: | | |
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| Jean-Marie Basset et al. | | Group Art Unit: 1797 |
| Application No.: 10/517,212) | | Examiner: Huy Tram Nguyen |
| Filed: December 8, 2004 | | Confirmation No.: 5701 |
| For: | Process for Converting Methane into Ethane | Mail Stop AF |
| Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 | | |
| Sir: | | |

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed January 8, 2008, the period for response having been extended to May 8, 2008 by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment section of this paper.